

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of providing sustained release of a drug to moist tissue comprising applying to said moist tissue a drug delivery device which is adherent to said moist tissue and includes a level of N,O-carboxymethylchitosan as a component thereof to provide said adherence, said drug delivery device further containing a sufficient quantity of the drug to be delivered to provide sustained release of said drug and permeation into said moist tissue or into the surrounding cavity, wherein said moist tissue is mucosal tissue or a tissue in a serous cavity.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said moist tissue comprises mucosal tissue.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises tissue of the oral cavity.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 3 wherein said oral cavity tissue comprises buccal tissue.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 4 wherein said drug is selected from the group consisting of melatonin, chlorpheniramine, chlorhexidine, tetracycline and mixtures thereof.

Claims 6-7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 3 wherein said device comprises a structural support material selected from the group consisting of rubber, plastic, resin, natural and synthetic polymers, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises vaginal tissue.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 9 wherein said drug is selected from a group consisting of progestins, estrogens, antifungal agents, antibacterial agents, anti-viral agents, proteins and peptides.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 10 wherein said drug comprises levonorgestrel.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises ocular tissue.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 12 wherein said drug is selected from the group consisting of beta blockers and glaucoma treating drugs.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises the gastrointestinal tract.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein said moist tissue is tissue in a serous cavity.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 15 wherein said moist tissue is tissue within the pleural, pericardial or peritoneal cavities.

Claims 17-26 (Cancelled).